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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP. NO. 1635** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Muthiah Manoharan

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For: Carbohydrate or 2' Modified Oligonucleotides Having Alternating

Internucleoside Linkages

Confirmation No.: 3873

**Group Art Unit: 1635** 

Examiner: Schultz, James

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington DC 20231

Sir:

## REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

This is in response to the Official Action (Final Rejection) dated 11/20/2002, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

## **AMENDMENT**

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 34 to 51 without prejudice to their being present in a continuing

application.